Special Credit plans for Agriculture Sector

383. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Public Sector Banks have been asked to draw up special credit plans with a view to achieving a distinct and marked improvement in the flow of credit to agriculture sector in the country by Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether all the Public Sector Banks have drawn up such plans;

(d) if not, the banks which have not drawn up such plans and the reasons therefor; and

(e) what corrective measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. Public Sector Banks (PSBs) have been asked to draw up Special Agricultural Credit Plans (SACPs) by Reserve Bank of India (RBI).

(b) The disbursement under SACPs were Rs. 8255 crores and Rs. 10172 crores for the years 1994-95 and 1995-96 respectively. Governor, RBI has urged the banks to show a growth of 25% over previous year's disbursements during 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Credit-Deposit ratio in North-Eastern States

384. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the credit-deposit ratio in certain states especially in North-Eastern States are very poor as compared to other States;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to improve the ratio in such States?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Credit Deposit Ratio (CDR) in a particular State or region depends not only on the efforts made by the banks but various other factors including the credit absorption capacity, infrasatructural support and overall policy frame work in the State. The CDR of each State including the States in North-Eastern Region is at statement (see below). The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had set up Task Forces to ascertain the reasons for low CDR in certain States. In respect of States/Union Territories where CDR was low and at the same time, specific Task Forces were not constituted, the convenor banks of State Level Bankers' Committee were advised to convene special meetings to discuss and take appropriate steps to improve the position. RBI have also reported that as per decisions taken in the Regional Consultative Committee for the North-Eastern Region held on 4.1.1996 at Shillong to, inter-alia, review the credit flow in the seven States of this region, appropriate follow up action has been initiated.

Annexure

Statement

State-wise/Union Territory-wise Credit Deposit Ratios of all Scheduled Commercial Banks as on the Last Friday of March, 1996

State/Union Territory	Credit Deposit Ratio (Percent)
1. Andhra Pradesh	80.3
2. Arunachal Pradesh	10.4
3. Assam	39.3

State/Union Territory	Credit Deposit Ratio (Per cent)
4. Bihar	32.0
5. Goa	26.9
6. Gujarat	53.0
7. Haryana	46.0
8. Himachal Pradesh	25.8
9. Jammu & Kashmir	38.2
10. Karnataka	69.7
11. Kerala	45.4
12. Madhya Pradesh	57.1
13. Maharashtra	75.7
14. Manipur	53.7
15. Meghalaya	14.4
16. Mizoram	16.1
17. Nagaland	27.4
18. National Capital Territory of Delhi	74.7
19. Orissa	54.8
20. Punjab	41.9
21. Rajasthan	46.6
22. Sikkim	19.3
23. Tamil Nadu	101.2
24. Tripura	42.1
25. Uttar Pradesh	34.2
26. West Bengal	55.7
27. Andaman & Nicober Island	16.6
28. Chandigarh	38.8
29. Dadra & Nagar Haveli	20.7
30. Daman & Diu	23.3
31. Lakshadweep	0.6
32. Pondicherry	48.9
All India	61.9

Sponsoring Miss World Pageant by Air India

385. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has sponsored Miss World Pageant;

(b) if so, what is the cost of sponsoring the said Pageant;

(c) whether the sponsorship was arrived at without any prior negotiations; and

(d) the terms on which Air India's finances permit such huge expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) Air India is one of the co-sponsors of the Miss World Pageant. The sponsorships was finalised after negotiations. According to the terms of the contract Air India will provide free transportation and freight to contestants, special invitees and officials of Miss World Event. In lieu thereof assured publicity and commercial benefit will accrue to Air India.

AGRO based Industry set up by NABARD in Gujarat

386. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any agro-based industry has been set up by the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development in the State of Gujarat so far;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to set up agro-based industry in the State in the near future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the funds earmarked for this purpose during 1994-95?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) is an apex level refinancing agency providing refinance support to banks for financing and promoting various economic activities in the rural farm and non-farm sector, including agro-based activities. It is not directly involved in the setting up of industrial or agricultural units.

(c) to (e) NABARD has reported that it had commissioned conducted a survey of agro-processing in Gujarat covering six districts, viz. Sabarkantha, Kheda,